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GAUGE CONVERSION IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total Narrow Gauge Line in Orissa;

(b) whether any effort is being made for the conversion of those NG lines;

(c) if so, the target set for the completion of the conversion work; and

(d) the progress thereof as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): 143 Kms consisting of Naupada-Gunupur (part) and Rupsa-Bangriposi narrow gauge lines.

(b): Yes, Sir. Works are in various stages of progress in both the projects.

(c): No target dates of completion of these two gauge conversion works have yet been fixed.

(d): On Naupada-Gunupur (90 Kms) gauge conversion project, the final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition is in progress. Contracts for earthwork and bridges have been awarded and the work is in progress. An outlay of Rs. 15 crore has been provided for the work in the Budget 2004-05.

On Rupsa-Bangriposi (89 Kms) gauge conversion project, gauge conversion of Rupsa-Baripada (52 Kms) segment has been taken up in the first phase, which is targeted for completion in 2004-05. An outlay of Rs. 27.54 crore has been provided in the Budget 2004-05 to expedite completion of the targeted work.